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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

(G. O. Ms. No. 9/2009/Env., dated 4th June 2009)

NOTIFICATION

The following draft notification, which the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry proposes to issue in exercise of powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Central Act 29 of 1986) read with Notification No. S.O. 667 (E), dated the 10th September, 1992 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi is hereby published in pursuance of rule 4 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 for the information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby.

Notice is hereby given that the draft will be taken into consideration by the Puducherry Administration on or after the expiry of period of fifteen days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette.

Any person interested in filing any objection against the proposed draft notification may do so in writing to the Special Secretary (Environment), Government of Puducherry, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry who is hereby designated for the said purpose within the said period of fifteen days, namely : —

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Whereas polythene/plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates are being used widely in the Union territory of Puducherry;

And whereas polythene/plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates which are non-biodegradable, choke drains and sewerages and pollute air, water and soil. The polythene bags are also being used to deliver food stuffs and therefore pose a health hazard to the public;

And whereas the Plastics Manufacture, Sale and Usage Rules, 1999 has placed a restriction on the manufacture, stock, sale, distribution and use of virgin and recycled plastic carry bags and recycled plastic containers;

And whereas the aforesaid restriction on the manufacture, stock, distribution or sale of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic bags which are less than 8 x 12 inches (20 x 30 cms.) in size and thickness less than 20 microns has failed to achieve the desired impact in so far as the usage of plastic bags is concerned;

And whereas the Government is of the opinion that the use of polythene/plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates in this Union Territory is causing grave injury and is detrimental to the environment and the health of human beings as well as animals;

And whereas it is also observed that polythene/plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates are by and large responsible for the blockage of gutters, sewers and drains resulting in flooding and other serious environmental problems;

And whereas with a view to prevent the occurrence of such problems in the future, it is proposed to declare the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry as polythene/plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates free area;

Now, therefore, the Lieutenant - Governor in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Central Act 29 of 1986) hereby directs that no person including a shopkeeper, vendor, wholesaler, retailer or trader, shall use polythene or plastic carry bags, disposable cups and plates in any manner whatsoever for supply of goods in the Union territory of Puducherry.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

G. THEVA NEETHI DHAS,
Special Secretary to Government.

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